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### DID JAPS LOSE 28,000? CANADANOT THE EMPIRE

Two Reports of Big Losses By the Russian Mines.

Two Armies Facing Each Other on the Heights of the Liank River Ready to Engage in a Death Grapple-The Burning Question Is Who Will Be First to Cross the Dread Valley-Japs Fighting Northward.

London, July 13 .- The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent says that the Japanese casualties by land at Port Arthur Sunday night are reported to have been 28,000, but none of the other special war correspondents mention a disaster at Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, July 13.-A despatch from a Russian correspondent at Mukden, dated July 12, says: "According to intelligence received here, the Japanese last night attacked positions near Port Arthur and were repulsed with enormous losses, not less than thirty thousand, it is said, being killed and wounded by our mines." ...

Two Armies Facing Each Other.

Headquarters of General Count Keller, Niuthiay, eleven miles west of Liandiansian, July 13.-The opposing armies are grimly facing each other on the heights across the Liank River, ready to engage in a death grapple. The Liank crosses the main Liaoyang-Fengwangcheng road, twenty-eight miles east of Liaoyang, flows north into the Taitse River, which passes through Liaoyang and empties into the Liao

The correspondent of the Associated Press, who arrived here after a thirty-five mile ride from Siaolindui, saw long lines of infantry and transport trains winding through the mountain. At Liandiansian, a lookout stationed in a treetop pointed the way to Gen. Keller's headquarters, near Niutkiay. There the Russian eastern army was found, hidden in the hills.

The whole army is anxious to fight Gen. Kuroki, whose headquarters are at Vandiapuze, and whose men are entrenched on the other side of the river. The burning question is who will be the first to cross the dread valley of the Liank River.

#### Fighting Its Way Northward.

Tokio, July 13 .- The Japanese Takushan army is northwards from Siyen. It fought a series of small battles with the Russians on July 9 and 10. The army is divided into two columns, which advanced against the Russians.

Shrouded in Mystery.

St. Petersburg, July 13.-The Japanese advance to Tatchekio is shrouded in mystery.

Kuropatkin in Bad Way. St. Petersburg, July 13.-Colonel Notvitsky of the general staff, in an interview yesterday, said: "The result of the loss of Kaichou will probably be the evacuation of Newchwang. General Kuropatkin's position is more difficult than that which confronted Lord Roberts in South Africa. It is as if Lord Roberts received his supplies by rail via Constantinople, Cairo and Central Africa. It will be a long time before General Kuropatkin will have enough supplies and men to assume the offensive. In the meanwhile he will have to fight rear-guard actions, perhaps giving up important positions like Newchwang, which are of vastly more consequence than Kaichou."

British Steamer Stopped. Perim, Straits, of Babelmandeb, July 13 .- The British steamer Menelaus, from the Clyde for Shanghai, which arrived here last night, reports that she and the British steamer Crewe Hall, from the Clyde for Kurrachee, were stopped on June 11 in the Red Sea, south of Jedda, by the Russian volunteer fleet steamer St. Petersburg, which carried eight guns and a large crew

### To Settle By Arbitratisn.

London, July 13 .- The Foreign Office announces that an agreement was signed yesterday by Foreign Minister. Lansdowne and the German Ambassador providing for the settlement by arbitration of differences which may arise of a legal nature, or relating to the interpretation of existing treaties between Germany and Great Britain. The terms of the agreement are identical with those recently concluded with France, Italy and Spain.

#### Mr. Stratton Appointed.

Toronto, July 13 .- A meeting of the Cabinet was held yesterday, all the Ministers except Mr. Ross and Mr. Dryden being present. Only routine business was transacted, with the exception of the appointment of the Hon. J. R. Stratton as a member of the Railway Committee during the prolonged absence of the Minister of Agriculture.

Militia Can't Go Outside to Assist in Latter's Defence.

Change in Militia Act Which Meets With Condemnation From Members of the Commons-If Militia Is Called Out For Active Service, Parliament Must Be Convened in a Fixed Period-Grand Trunk Arbitration.

Ottawa, July 13 .- The further the bill to amend the Militia Act is scrutinized, the more evident it becomes that a skillful anti-Imperialist artist had a hand in its preparation. These manifestations of British-hating propensities are for the most part petty. "His Majesty" receives very little mention in the bill before the House. In nearly every instance authority is vested in the "Governor-

in-Council." One point was raised yesterday which is of vital importance as affecting the relations between Britain and Canada. Here is the clause in the bill before the House:

"The Governor-in-Council may place the militia or any part thereof on active service anywhere in Canada, and also beyond Canada, for the defence thereof at any time when it appears advisable so to do by reason of emergency."

And here is the clause in the prc-

sent Military Act; "Her Majesty may call out the militia or any part thereof for active service, either within or without Canada, at any time when it appears advisable to do so by reason of war, invasion, or insurrection or danger of them."

#### Comparison of the Acts.

Comparing the two clauses, it will be found that whereas under the present act, the Canadian militia could be sent outside of Canada for the defence of the Empire it is under the proposed law prohibited from going abroad except for the defence of Canada.

Sir Frederick Borden argued that the substance of the present act was not changed in this respect. This assurance was considerably discounted by his refusal to reject the new clause in favor of the old one.

Several members, among them Seymour Gourley, Dr. Daniel of St. John, W. F. Maclean and Col. Sam. Hughes, spoke strongly against withholding the support of the Canadian militia from the defence of the Empire, while Canada relies on British troops for protection in case of trouble.

### Calling the Militla Out.

Sir Frederick Borden stated that he had talked the matter over with the Premier, who approved of the insertion of a clause making it obligatory on the Government to convene Parliament within a fixed period, in case the militia is called out for service outside of Canada. On this understanding Mr. Bourassa agreed not to offer an amendment.

Good progress was made on the bill and when the committee rose at 11' o'clock only one clause, that relating to the responsibility of the Government in connection with rifle ranges, remained to be disposed of.

#### Grand Trunk Arbitration.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick introduced a bill respecting an arbitration between His Majesty and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada. The bill, he explained, was designed to widen the powers of the arbitrators, to give them power to examine witnesses under oath and to order the production of papers in settling the dispute between the company in connection with traffic arrangements over the Intercolonial between Riviere du Loup and Point Levis.

#### PICTURESQUE CANADA.

One of Mr. Fisher's Officers Appears With Spurs Upside Down, and the Other Is Fined \$20.

Ottawa, July 13 .- The two officers whom Mr. Fisher was instrumental in having appointed to the Scottish Light Dragoons have turned out anything but creditably to that corps.

One of them turned up at the recent camp with a pair of gaiters on and small box spurs fitted upside down. He also had two swords, one on each side, and to complete his picturesqueness a beautiful black eye.

He was sent home. The other had not been long in camp when he was fined \$20 for a civil offence. And it was for these two officers that Mr. Fisher by his meddling got rid of the best commanding officer Canada ever had.

#### Lives to Be 100.

Aylmer, July 13 .- A notable birthday reception will be that of Arch. McTaggart, of the second concession of Malahide, who will be one hundred years old on Friday next. He was born near Inverness, Scotland.